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MEMORANDUM

To: Whom it May Concern

From: Dr. Marty Zaluski, Administrator & State Veterinarian

Subject: Modified Identification Requirements for Cattle Imported into Montana

Date: December 8, 2009

1. Animals permitted for entry into Montana that are quarantined for additional testing or health requirements must have official individual animal identification with those numbers listed on the certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI), <u>except</u>:

   a. Registered ownership brands may be used in place of official individual identification on the CVI for import of unvaccinated (but vaccine eligible) female calves to be quarantined and brucellosis vaccinated or spayed by a Montana veterinarian. These female calves must be <u>branded</u> and accompanied by an official brand inspection document. If they are not branded, official individual ID must be applied.

2. Non-branded (slick) steers and spayed heifer calves (including dairy breeds) and branded cattle that require no testing or quarantine may be identified using the brand inspection information.

3. Sporting bovines and Mexican origin steers must be tested and therefore identified with official individual identification.

The protocol for using brand inspection information to identify branded cattle (and "slick" steers and spayed heifers) on a CVI is to cite the brand inspection number issued at the state of origin on the face of the certificate and attach a copy of the brand inspection document to it (as per Title 9 Part 78.1(c) of the USDA Code of Federal Regulations).

Official individual identification includes:
    USDA Silver ID Tags
    USDA orange brucellosis vaccination tags
    Other USDA approved tags such as RFID tags
    Individual animal registered Breed association tattoos
    Individual animal registered Breed association brands